WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An implement, comprising:

an engine and transaxle module, comprising:

an engine having an output shaft;

a transaxle having at least one axle, said axle operatively coupled to said output shaft through said transaxle, said engine and said transaxle rigidly and directly attached to one another in a vertically stacked orientation;

a handle attached to said engine and transaxle module;

a ground engaging wheel operatively coupled to each said axle; and

one of a plurality of interchangeable working devices attached to said engine and transaxle module.

2. The implement of Claim 1, wherein said transaxle includes an input shaft operatively coupled to said output shaft.

3. The implement of Claim 1, wherein said working device includes a moving blade.

4. The implement of Claim 3, wherein said working device includes a rotating blade.

5. The implement of Claim 1, wherein said implement is a snow thrower, and said working device is an auger assembly.

6. The implement of Claim 1, wherein said implement is a mower, and said working device is a mower assembly.

7. The implement of Claim 1, wherein said handle extends rearwardly of said engine and transaxle module, and said working device is disposed forwardly of said engine and transaxle module.

8. An implement, comprising:

an engine having an output shaft;

a transaxle operatively coupled to said engine output shaft and having a pair of axially aligned axles, said axles being selectively rotatably coupled together;

a working device being powered by said engine;

a handle, movement of said implement being controlled by an operator through said handle; and

a ground-engaging wheel connected to each said axle, said wheels being rotatably fixed to one another when said axles are rotatably coupled together, said wheels being free to rotate relative to one another when said axles are not rotatably coupled together.

9. The implement of Claim 8, wherein said engine and said transaxle are directly and rigidly coupled together to form an engine and transaxle module.

10. The implement of Claim 9, wherein said handle is connected to said engine and transaxle module.

11. The implement of Claim 9, wherein said working device is one of a plurality of interchangeable working devices, said working device connected to said engine and transaxle module.

12. The implement of Claim 8, wherein said implement is a snow thrower, and said working device is an auger assembly.

13. The implement of Claim 8, wherein said transaxle comprises a collar having first and second positions, said collar engaging one of said axles in said first position, and said collar engaging both of said axles in said second position.

14. The implement of Claim 13, wherein said collar is biased into one of its first and second positions.

15. The implement of Claim 14, wherein said transaxle further comprises a spring disposed about said one of said axles and engaging said collar, said collar being biased into engagement with the other of said axles by said spring.

16. The implement of Claim 8, wherein said transaxle further comprises reduction gearing, said reduction gearing including a pair of parallel shafts on which are disposed a plurality of gears, and said transaxle further comprises:

a housing including first and second housing portions; and

at least one bushing supported by said housing, said bushing including a pair of shaft retaining portions, one of said shaft retaining portions supporting one end of each said parallel shaft.

17. The implement of Claim 16, wherein said bushing is elongate, and includes opposite ends each including a said shaft retaining portion.

18. A transaxle, comprising:

a housing; and

a pair of axially aligned axles rotatably supported in said housing, said axles being selectively coupled together, said axles being rotatably fixed to one another when said axles are coupled together, said axles being free to rotate relative to one another when said axles are not coupled together.

19. The transaxle of Claim 18, further comprising an input shaft rotatably supported by said housing, and reduction gearing operatively coupling one of said axles to said input shaft.

20. The transaxle of Claim 18, in combination with:

an engine operatively coupled to said transaxle;

a handle;

a working device being powered by said engine; and

a ground-engaging wheel connected to each said axle; whereby said combination provides an implement, movement of said implement being controlled by an operator through said handle.

21. The transaxle of Claim 18, further comprising a collar having first and second positions, said collar engaging one of said axles in said first position, and said collar engaging both of said axles in said second position.

22. The transaxle of Claim 21, wherein said collar is biased into one of its first and second positions.

23. A transaxle, comprising:

a housing including first and second housing portions which interface substantially along a first plane;

at least one axle rotatably supported by said housing;

reduction gearing operably coupled to said at least one axle, said reduction gearing including two parallel shafts on which are disposed a plurality of gears, said shafts lying in a second plane, said first and second planes being nonparallel; and

at least one bushing supported by said housing, said bushing including a pair of shaft retaining portions, each shaft retaining portion respectively supporting one end of each of said parallel shafts, said second plane extending between said shaft retaining portions.

24. The transaxle of Claim 23, wherein said second plane is substantially perpendicular to said first plane.

25. The transaxle of Claim 23, in combination with:

an engine operatively coupled to said transaxle;

a handle;

a working device being powered by said engine; and

at least one ground-engaging wheel connected to said axle; whereby said combination provides and implement, movement of said implement being controlled by an operator through said handle..

26. The transaxle of Claim 23, wherein said bushing is elongate, and includes opposite ends each including a shaft retaining portion.

27. The transaxle of Claim 23, wherein one of said first and second housing portions includes a recess into which said bushing is received.

28. The transaxle of Claim 23, further comprising an input shaft operatively coupled to said reduction gearing.